

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error. No new matter is presented.

Claims 1-3 and 23 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Dynarski, U.S. Patent No. 6,466,571. Claims 1 and 23 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Nakajima (2003/0169714). Claims 1-7, 10-16, 18-19, 21, 23-26 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Saunders et al. (2004/0152446). Claims 8, 9 and 17 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saunders et al. in view of Ejzak (2003/0027595). Claim 20 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saunders et al. in view of Mao (2004/0243710). Claim 22 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saunders et al. in view of Christoffel et al. (2002/0136226). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

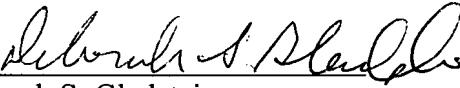
Applicant respectfully submits that none of the cited references in this Office Action disclose or suggest anything relating to the claimed IP multimedia subsystem. Applicant submits that this is a term that is known in the relevant art and is not just any IP-system able to process multimedia content. The term IP multimedia subsystem is a well defined term in telecom engineering that stands for an architectural framework, designed by the standards body 3GPP. An IP multimedia subsystem comprises functionality for authentication of subscribers of cellular-phone-networks. It is an objective of the invention to use this functionality which was originally designed for cellular phones also for a WLANs. Thus, no separate authentication server has to be installed for the authentication of a subscriber of the WLAN. Since none of the references cited in this Action relate in any way to an IP multimedia subsystem as designed by the standards body 3GPP, applicants request that all outstanding rejections be withdrawn.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection

with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 449122078200.

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